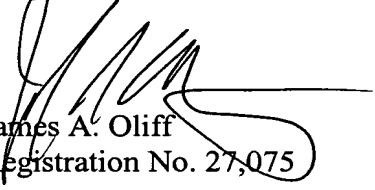


REMARKS

Claims 1 - 38 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 3 - 19 are canceled, claim 2 is amended, and claims 20 - 38 are new. Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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